

<b>Activity:</b>	<b>State Conservation Grants</b>
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**Activity Summary**

Program Component	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2006			Change From 2005 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
State Conservation Grants	91,360	89,736	0	-89,736	0	-89,736
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>91,360</b>	<b>89,736</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-89,736</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-89,736</b>
<i>Total FTE Requirements</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

**Authorization**

16 U.S.C. 460l et.seq. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965, as amended

**Mission Overview**

Americans have always sought to create and protect special places that inspire and enrich our health and spirit, from early colonial public commons and parks to today's popular greenways for walking and bicycling. Over the past forty years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been the most tangible and successful national demonstration of these fundamental American values: caring for our shared resources and providing recreation opportunities for physical activity and spiritual renewal. This program directly supports the National Park Service mission by contributing to a fundamental goal for the National Park Service: "Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs." This goal directly supports the Department of the Interior Strategic Plan goals to "Protect the Nation's natural, cultural and heritage resources," and to "Provide recreation opportunities for America."

**FY 2006 Base Program Overview**

**The State Conservation Grants** activity provides matching grants to States and local units of government for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities that provide public access to lands, waters and other recreation resources. The grants provide incentives for continuing State planning efforts to address outdoor recreation needs and for greater commitments from State governments to conserve and improve recreation resources.

Every project acquired or developed is protected in perpetuity. Through this partnership with States and local governments, providing recreation opportunity while preserving these areas for future generations can often be accomplished in a more timely and cost-effective way than through Federal acquisition. Nearly 40,000 grants, valued at approximately \$3.6 billion have been awarded since the program was established.

The 2006 request does not include funds for State assistance grants. As the Administration strives to trim the Federal deficit, focusing on higher priority Federal agency responsibilities is imperative. The LWCF State grants support State and local parks that have alternative sources of funding through State revenues and bonds. In addition, the Administration's PART review in 2003 found that the current program could not adequately measure performance or demonstrate results.

<i>Reviewed Program Area</i>	<i>FY 2003 PART Score</i>
LWCF State Conservation Grants	25%

The Administration's PART review in 2003 rated this program at 25 percent, or "Results Not Demonstrated," as the program did not adequately measure performance or demonstrate results. This PART review was a contributing factor in the Administration's decision to eliminate funding for the Stateside grants program in the 2006 request.

**FY 2004 Program Performance Accomplishments****Performance on NPS strategic goals:**

- 14,610 acres acquired and protected in perpetuity
- 87 new park and recreation areas created
- 645 new and existing recreation resources and open space sites acquired, developed, and protected in perpetuity

**Other Program Accomplishments:**

- Awarded 607 new grants
- Created 87 new park and recreation areas
- 45 of the 607 projects exceeded the 50 percent State match by over \$28 million

**FY 2005 Planned Program Performance****Performance on NPS strategic goals:**

- Add 10-15,000 acres to the public recreation estate, thereby preserving public parkland, natural areas, and open spaces.

**Other Program Accomplishments:**

- Award 600 new grants to protect new recreation resources and open space sites in perpetuity
- Create 30-50 new park and recreation areas
- Secure the minimum State match thereby doubling the recreation investment

**Justification of FY 2006 Budget Request for State Conservation Grants**

<b>Request Component</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>	<b>FTE</b>
FY 2005 Budget Estimate	89,736	0
Programmatic Changes		
• Reduce Support to State Conservation Grants	-89,736	+0
<b>TOTAL, Program Changes</b>	<b>-89,736</b>	<b>+0</b>
Uncontrollable changes	+0	N/A
<b>FY 2006 Budget Request</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Net change	-89,736	+0

The FY 2006 budget request for State Conservation Grants is \$0 million and 0 FTE, a net decrease of \$89.736 million from the 2005 enacted level.

**Eliminate State Conservation Grants: -\$89,736**

The FY 2006 budget proposes to eliminate funding for State Conservation grants in 2006, a decrease of \$89.736 million. These grants support State and local parks that are more appropriately funded through State revenues or bonds than Federal resources. Furthermore, the reduction in State Conservation grants funding will allow NPS to focus on park activities that most comport with higher priority agency mission areas.

## Performance Summary Tables: Land Acquisition and State Assistance

Includes performance supported by NR&P

The Federal Land Acquisition program and the State Conservation Grants program supports the National Park Service mission of working in partnership with other federal, state, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers and trails that provide educational, recreational, and conservation benefits to the American people. This goal contributes to the Department of the Interior Strategic Plan goals to protect the Nation's natural, cultural and heritage resources; and, to provide recreation opportunities for America.

The changes to the NPS budget, represented by the President's Budget, affect the effort and consequently the results of acquiring lands and assisting partners met recreational demand. The following measures of performance, under the DOI Strategic Goal, "Provide recreation for America," reflect those changes in the aggregate. Because many of DOI's measures of performance are new and baselines are still being developed, actual data may be unavailable for some years and projected targets may still be in formulation. Indirectly, these programs also support accomplishments supporting the Department of the Interior Strategic Plan goals to "Protect the Nation's natural, cultural and heritage resources." Accomplishments for those goals are shown in the Resource Stewardship Subactivity sections.

### RECREATION GOALS – Provide Recreation for America

<b>End Outcome Goal 3.1: Provide Recreation for America.</b> Provide for a quality recreation experience, including access and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources on DOI managed or partnered lands and waters							
Recreation goals: Provide for recreation	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Enacted	FY 2005 Revised Plan	FY 2006 plan	Change in Perform- ance 2005 Plan to 2006	Long-term Target (2008)
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b> Improve capacities to provide access for recreation where appropriate <b>Intermediate Outcome Measures (Key and Non-Key) and PART Outcome Measures)</b>							
Recreational opportunities: Number of acres made available for recreation through management actions and partnerships (SP, BUR IIa6, IIb1C)  <b>INCLUDES LAND ACQUIRED FROM ALL FUNDING SOURCES</b>	Partners: 846,282 acres	Partners: 886,714 acres Parks: 77.7 million TOTAL: 78,586,71 4 acres	80million NPS, 956,600 partners Total: 80,980,10 0 acres	Partners: 940,600 acres Parks: 77.8 million TOTAL: 78,740,60 0 (153,886 added in FY05)	Partners: 976,500 acres Parks: 77.8 million TOTAL: 78,776,50 0 (35,900 added in FY06)	35,900 acres Added (0.05%)	Partners: 1,050,300 acres Parks: 77.8 million Total: 78,850,30 0 (36,900 added in FY08)
L&WCF Grants; Number of acres made available for outdoor recreation through L&WCF grants. (PART LW-3, annual output)	NA	91,012	Report actual	105,000 Cumula- tive (13,988 in FY05)	119,000 Cumula- tive (14,000 in FY06)	14,000 (13%)  14000/105 ,000	147,000 cumula- tive (14,000 in FY08)
Number of parks where new outdoor recreation facilities were developed (PART LWCF SG – 1)	Not in Plan	420 parks	Not in Plan	No target	TBD	NA	TBD
Number of parks enhanced through development or rehabilitation. (PART LWCF SG – 2)	Not in Plan	572 parks	Not in Plan	No target	TBD	NA	TBD
Number of new acres protected (by LWCF assistance)(PART LWCF SG – 3)	Not in Plan	40,881 acres	Not in Plan	No target	TBD	NA	TBD